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BY E. P. WALTON.

MONTPELIER, FEB. 8, 1850.

To the Republicans of the United States.

In accordance with our previous paper, and at the suggestion of a large portion of the Republican press, the undersigned, Chairman of the State Republican Committee of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin, hereby invite the Republicans of the Union to meet at the City of Boston, on Friday, the 22d of February, 1850, for the purpose of perfecting the National Organization, and providing for a National Delegate Convention of the Republican party, at some subsequent day, to nominate candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, to be supported in the election of November, 1850.

A. P. STONE of Ohio.
DAVID WILMOT of Pa.
LAWRENCE BRAINERD of Vt.
J. Z. GOODRICH of Mass.
Wm. A. WHITE of Wis.

CONGRESS.

The Battle ended! Banks elected!

Victory at last! The third office in the Government in point of dignity has been won from the slaveocracy. The calm, steady, unflinching and for the most part united persistence of the Republicans in the House, [in which term we include every faithful friend of Freedom, be he Whig, Democrat or R. N.] has earned and commanded this great success—and precisely the same course of action, faithfully carried out by the People, is necessary to ensure a like but more glorious result in the Presidential election. This first victory at Washington was hailed with illuminations, boudoirs and the booming of cannon, as the joyful news was flashed along the telegraphic lines; but we trust the newly inspired hope for the triumph of Liberty and Justice is not to evaporate in jubilant gowponder. The final battle is yet to be won, and it can be won by a firm union of all the friends of Freedom, and by hard work at that.

SATURDAY, Feb. 2.

The Senate, to-day, having adjourned to Monday.

—**Mr. Stone**, of Tennessee, said he had heretofore voted against the plurality rule, but as yesterday's vote indicated some chance of an election for Speaker of a man of some national views, he now offered a resolution for the adoption of that rule.

The House, by ten majority, refused to lay the resolution on the table.

The resolution was then adopted by a vote of 113 against 104.

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Mr. Boyce moved to rescind the resolution. This motion was tabled—117 to 101. [Applause.]

Mr. Jones of Tennessee, referring to the terms of the resolution, that if there is no election by a majority in the next three trials, the candidate receiving the highest vote on the fourth be elected Speaker, remarked that the Republicans are prepared for the contest, and made an adjournment till Monday, to give the other parties an opportunity to arrange their plans.

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a child's bargain, they ought to stick to it.—[Laughter.]

After further debate, Mr. Clapperton offered a resolution, declaring that by reason of the adoption of the plurality rule, and the votes taken under it, Mr. Banks had been chosen Speaker, and is hereby so declared. Passed—146 to 39.

Several speakers explained that though they had consistently voted against Mr. Banks, their feet bound as judges, not as electors, to carry out the order of the House, by voting for the above resolution.

Mr. Banks was, by request of the Clerk, conducted to the Chair, by Messrs. Aiken, S. C. Fuller, of Pa., and Campbell of Ohio. He was greeted with loud and unanimous cheering, and the profound silence of the galleries followed, and said—

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.—Before I proceed to complete the acceptance of the office you have conferred upon me, I avail myself of your indulgence to express my obligation for the honor. It would afford me greater pleasure were I to be granted even by the self-same friends that I am surrounded by a committee of redoubt and delicate duties, always difficult, but now environed with unusual difficulties, any canto communicate with their responsibility and dignity. I can only say I shall bear myself with fidelity to the interests and institutions of the country and the Government, and with impartiality, so far as regards the rights of the members of this house. I am anxious to do my duty, and I am assisted by a single sense of constituting in some little degree to the maintenance of the well-established principles of our Government, in their original American significance—in developing that portion of the continent we occupy, so far as we may do without the power conferred upon us by the Constitution, and awaiting its expansion hereafter, and maintaining intact and perpetually the meetable privileges transmuted to us. I am aware neither myself nor any other man is equal to the perfect accomplishment of these duties. I am, therefore,—as a man must be in such a presence—support for your indulgence and support. I again return to you for this hour you have conferred upon me.

Mr. Giddings, being the oldest member of the House, administered the oath to Mr. Banks, by request of the Clerk.

Mr. Stowe then offered the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:

“Extremely discreditable and hereby ordered to John W. Forney, for the distinguised attention, fidelity and impartiality with which he has presided over the deliberations of the House, during the arduous and protracted contest for Speaker.

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MONDAY, Feb. 4.

SENATE.—The Senate, to-day, engaged in receiving petitions from Naval officers against the action of the Naval Board, and in discussing measures connected therewith.

Many bills were introduced, principally for internal improvements, and one by Mr. Adams, to extend the term of naturalization.

On motion of Mr. Kirk, the Finance Committee were instructed to inquire whether Spanish or Mexican money could be remitted from California, or have a value equivalent to the sum to be sent, with their intrinsic value, and to avoid the fractional parts of a cent.

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Mr. Walker moved to rescind the pluralistic resolution. Decided out of rule by 45 majority.

Mr. Stowe moved an adjournment. Resolved. He then made an ineffectual motion to rescind the pluralistic rule.

The House then proceeded to vote for Speaker as follows:

Necessary to a choice, 108
Banks, 102
Aiken, 93
Fuller, 14

Banks and Hickman, Democratic, voted for Wells and Dunn, Harrison, Moore and Scott for Campbell of Ohio.

The second vote, except that Aiken lost one, was the same as the first, and the third the same as the second, except that Aiken lost one.

Mr. Fuller, of Penn., repeated what he had said on the first two occasions, viz.: that he did not consider himself to be a candidate, whether the latter stood on the Democratic caucus platform, or whether he had not written a letter to Humphrey Marshall, making pledges to the Southern wing of the Know Nothings.

Mr. Aiken—"I am not a candidate for the Speakership. If my friends think proper to place me in the chair, I will serve them to the best of my ability."

Humphrey Marshall—I only have to say that Mr. Aiken has addressed me no letter, whatever! [Applause, and cries of "Call the roll," &c.]

The excitement was intense during the final vote, which now took place.

During the calling of the roll, Mr. Marston, ex-captain of the American friends, saying he had fought a good battle, was called to the bar, and then seated, and was ready to receive any communication he might receive, and in cases where we are sure that the papers were deposited in the post office in ample time.

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